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Recognizing and commending American airmen held as prisoners of war at the Buchenwald concentration camp during World War II for their service, bravery, and fortitude.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. MONTGOMERY, and Mr. EDWARDS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending American airmen held as prisoners of war at the Buchenwald concentration camp during World War II for their service, bravery, and fortitude.

Whereas during World War II 173 Allied airmen were captured by the enemy and held as prisoners of war at the Buchenwald concentration camp in Weimar, Germany;

Whereas the captured airmen included 81 Americans, 27 Canadians, and 65 Britons, Australians, and New Zealanders;

Whereas the facts and circumstances of their confinement are amply documented in the official records maintained by the National Archives and Records Administration;

Whereas a report from the International Red Cross concerning Stalag Luft III in Sagan, Germany, mentioned six American airmen held at Buchenwald, including one whose name does not appear on the lists maintained by the National Archives;

Whereas since the liberation of Buchenwald in 1945 numerous personal memoirs, scholarly books, and articles have been published describing the conditions at the concentration camp;

Whereas this extensive documentation records the extraordinarily inhuman treatment, deprivations, and personal suffering inflicted on prisoners of war and other inmates at Buchenwald; and

Whereas Allied Governments and veterans organizations outside the United States have granted special recognition to their citizens and servicemembers who were held as prisoners of war in World War II concentration camps: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) recognizes and commends the American air-
4 men held as prisoners of war at the Buchenwald
5 concentration camp during World War II for their
6 faithful service, personal bravery, and exceptional
7 fortitude; and

8 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
9 mation recognizing and commending the service,
10 bravery, and fortitude of those airmen.